

15. HOME SIGNALS AND LIMITED TRAIN MOVEMENTS

(a) Approach to a Home Signal

When the starting signal is at 'Stop', the 'Proceed' signal for an approaching train must not be shown until the train is close to the home signal and is nearly at a standstill.

(b) Limited Train Movement

If the Signaller wishes to move the train to within the home signal before the section ahead is clear, the Signaller must:

- (1) ensure the train is stopped or nearly stopped at the home signal,
- (2) ensure the line is clear to the starting signal,
- (3) ensure the starting signal is at 'Stop', and
- (4) exhibit the 'Proceed' signal at the home signal.

(c) Driver Response and the Home Signal

The Driver of a train that has been stopped or nearly stopped at a home signal must drive the train slowly towards the next fixed signal when the home signal shows 'Proceed'.

The Driver must be prepared to stop at the signalbox if required to do so.

(d) Section Clear but Station or Junction Blocked Signal

When trains are allowed to go forward under the 'Section clear but station or junction blocked' bell code signal, the Signaller must:

- (1) bring the train to a stand at the home signal if the train has not already passed this signal,
- (2) verbally instruct the Driver that the section is clear to the home signal at the forward block signalbox but that station or junction is blocked,

- (3) ensure that a green flag by day and a green light by night, held steadily in the hand, is displayed to the Driver and the necessary fixed signals exhibited to permit the train to proceed.

(e) Home Signal Some Distance from Signalbox

When the train is at the home signal and is too far away from the signalbox for the Signaller to communicate verbally with the Driver, the Signaller must:

- (1) place the signal at the 'proceed' position after bringing the train to a standstill,
- (2) stop the train at the signalbox by exhibiting a red flag by day and a red light by night,
- (3) verbally instruct the Driver that the section is clear to the home signal at the forward block signalbox but that station or junction is blocked,
- (4) then display a green flag by day and a green light by night, held steadily in the hand to the Driver and the necessary fixed signals exhibited to allow the train to proceed when the line is clear.
- (5) Drivers must not go forward unless they clearly understand the verbal communication received from the Signaller.

16. TRAIN STOPPED AT A HOME SIGNAL WITH NO STARTING SIGNAL

(a) No Starting Signal Provided at Home Signal

When a train has been stopped at a home signal where starting signals are not provided, and it is necessary to draw it within this signal before the section ahead is clear.

The Signaller must:

- (1) verbally instruct the Driver to bring the train under the protection of the signal, and
- (2) place the home signal to the 'proceed' position.